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whatever form that bill took. Why did we pass that? Why didn't we adopt the attitude that with the sin of being foolish goes the punishment of being tricked out of your money and you will learn next time? We did not do that. We passed a bill to shield and protect people who, if they would use their brains, wouldn't need protection. In this instance, we are talking about people who have...may have very serious psychological and physical...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...ailments. Did you say time, Mr. President?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I said one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, all right. And we are putting those people in a position, as was done with laetrile, where people are desperate to believe that this is the cure-all, this is the magic bullet, follow this regimen and what the doctors could not cure this will cure; what Oral Roberts putting his hand on your head could not cure this will cure by sticking a needle in your head. I want us to look one more time at this bill and I hope you will agree with me that we ought not enact it into law.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Here we go again. You heard how many times from both of us that I'm saying that acupuncture is a recognized practice; Senator Chambers said it's quackery. I guess you form your own opinion. We have passed out or tried to pass out or tried to tell you what chiropractic does, what medical doctors do, and what licensed acupuncturists do. Senator Chambers talked about the thousands of years of practice of acupuncture in China and, since we haven't had thousands of years of practice of that science in this country, therefore, it isn't any good in this country. I hope you don't believe that misstatement. Senator Schimek said to me, well, not everybody wants to be poked with needles. Absolutely the point. Licensed acupuncture is a choice. Right now, patients have the option of going to a